

## 2nd Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2023

Annfield Plain - St. Teresa, Blackhill - Our Blessed Lady Immaculate, Brooms - Our Blessed Lady & St. Joseph,

the Rosary, Stanley, St Joseph



Consett - St. Patrick, Dipton - St. Patrick, Moorside - St. Plus X, Lanchester - All Saints, Shotley Bridge - Our Lady of

### Listen To Him

At the Transfiguration there is a lot going on for something that is described very briefly. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain. They see Jesus in a new light, transfigured. They encounter Moses and Elijah which confuses them. To top it off they are spoken to by a voice from a cloud, proclaiming "This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."

After something like that it surprising they were coherent at all never mind able to reflect on it with Jesus as they descended. How would any of us react if we were put into a similar situation? Would we cope or would we lock ourselves away and refuse to come out?

Yet in reality we are all in the same situation as Peter, James and John. We have received the message that Jesus is the Beloved Son of God. Not through God speaking to us from a cloud but through the scriptures, through our prayer lives and in the sacrifice of the Mass. A gentler means of delivery perhaps but just as true for us as for them.

What is also true is that we are called to respond. We are called to listen to Jesus just like they were, to listen to him and to make his word as active in our lives as they made it in theirs.

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***Deacon David Westgarth***

***Deacon Shaun McGee***

***Deacon Chris Callan***

## **General Notices Around the Partnership**

**New Priest in Pontop Partnership:** Following the retirement of Fr. Cornelius O'Connor, Fr Charles Ejieji from the Diocese of Orlu in Nigeria has been appointed as assistant priest in the parishes of All Saints in Lanchester and St Teresa in Annfield Plain. We welcome him to the Diocese and pray that he will have a happy and fulfilled ministry here. Fr Charles will reside at All Saints Presbytery. Fr. O'Connor's final Mass at All Saints will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.

For the interim Fr John Bagnall has been appointed as parochial administrator of the parishes of All Saints in Lanchester and St Teresa in Annfield Plain, while continuing in his present appointments. He will continue to reside at St Patrick's in Consett.

**Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass:** We understand that there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

**Partnership - Sacrament of Reconciliation:** St Patrick's, Consett; Saturday after 10am Mass. Our Lady and St Joseph's Brooms on Saturday's before the 5.30pm Vigil Mass 4.45pm-5.15pm.

**Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Paul Tully, tel: 01388 818544/ 0191 3332183. Please telephone the chaplain if you have someone in hospital who would like a visit.

**Mass Intentions:** Please book Mass Intentions well in advance as we are currently fully booked in all parishes for the next two months. Thank you.

**Brooms Graveyard:** It has been brought to our attention that there is a lot of dog fouling throughout the graveyard at Brooms. Unfortunately we cannot police the graveyard but if you take your dog for a walk please keep it on a lead at all times when walking through the graveyard and if your dog fouls please pick it up. Thank you.

**Lent Food Bank Appeal - St. Bede's School and Pontop Partnership:** Our parishes are joining forces with our secondary school to support those in need in our local community. We are collecting for food banks in the area. In school there will be Tin Tuesdays and Toiletries Thursdays and this will be supported by collection boxes in each of our churches. Items needed are tins of fruit, potatoes, rice pudding and similar toiletries such as shower gel, shampoo, shaving foam and razors. Everything will help someone so please be generous

**Tea on Tuesday:** Come along and join us on Tuesday 8th March 2pm at St Patrick's Church Hall for Tea, Coffee and cake bring your friends as there will be bingo and a raffle too everyone is welcome.

**Spain Pilgrimage Meeting:** A meeting is to be held in St Patricks Church Hall on Friday 10th March at 5pm. Followed by food at Sambucca. The meeting is to present the Itinerary and discuss any other requirements for the Pilgrimage. Please let Wendy Simmons know if you will be going for food afterwards for numbers. Telephone 01207 502196

**Tyneside Irish Centre:** Wednesday 8th March 12.00 - 2.00pm at the Demi Consett join us for an Irish afternoon "Raised on Songs and Stories" with live Irish Music and entertainment organised by the Irish Cultural Society.

## Around The Diocese

Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels: The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools. Appeal panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. This is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email: education@diocesehn.org.uk<mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk> or phone 0191 243 3313.

## St. Mary's News

Collection: Cafod Family Fast Day

Next week - Lenten Alms

Communion Visits: If anyone is aware of someone who is housebound since the lockdown, and who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Fr. Tom to arrange this.

Legion of Mary: Will say the Rosary and Legion Prayers on Tuesday Evenings at 6pm

Sanctuary Candle: If you would like the candle to burn in memory of a loved one please contact the office. This week the candle will burn 'In Loving Memory' of 'Michael Corrigan and Deceased Members of Miller, and Corrigan Families'

St Marys Children's Liturgy: This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, meaning it's Children's Liturgy. But that's not all; we have some good news! the Children's Liturgy will be on every First and Third Sunday of the month. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

S.V.P. Coin Boxes: are available at back of church during lent for baby feeding centres in Sudan. Please return boxes after Easter. Thank you for your support.

Cafod Ukraine Appeal: CAFOD would like to thank parishioners for the donations totalling £190 which was collected for the Ukraine appeal.

Welcome Thursday: We are opening a 'warm spaces (welcome) club' on Thursday 16th March for a few hours and urgently need volunteers. If you can help please contact Brian on 07891 511168. More information on the notice board. Thank you.

300 club winners: £20 - (263) Mrs McBride, £10 - (98) A Byrne, £10 - (181) M Alderson, £10 - (112) M Allan, £10 - (97) B Roberts. Thank you for your support! 'New Members Needed' see Jimmy.

Advance Notice: The 'Summer Fete' will be held on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Kennedy Care Centre: Presents 'The Men In Black', on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Bingo, Bar, Raffle. Doors Open 6.30pm. Tickets on sale this weekend. Adults £5, under 16 £2.

## St Patrick's News

Collection: This week - Cafod Family Fast Day

Next Week: Lenten Alms

Recently Deceased: Rose Zena Thompson, please pray for her and her family at this sad time.

Divine Mercy Devotions: The Divine Mercy Devotions are held every Thursday at 3pm.

Easter Coffee Morning and Raffle: We are having a Coffee Morning after 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. Donations of chocolate and wine would be greatly appreciated to use as raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church after Mass. Any donations can be brought to the presbytery on a Monday, Thursday or Friday. Thank you

Warm Space St Patrick's Hall: Every Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30pm we are offering a warm space in the Hall Lounge where we will be offering refreshments.

Lenten Soup Lunches: The soup lunches will be on each **Tuesday** in Lent following Mass and Stations of the Cross. Come into St Patrick's Hall for a bowl of delicious homemade soup, tea/coffee and a chat. All proceeds go to CAFOD and St Patrick's Church. Everyone is welcome

St Patrick's Ceilidh: To celebrate St Patrick's Day we are having a Ceilidh in St Patrick's Church Hall on Saturday 18th March from 7.30pm to 11pm. Dancing to the Highly Acclaimed band "The Hedgehog's Skin" Tickets are Adults £5/Children £2 each. Tickets available at the back of church in the Piety Shop after Mass or from the Parish Office. **Hurry Tickets are Going Quick.**

### **Our Lady and St Joseph's News**

Collections: This week - Cafod Family Fast Day      Next Week: Lenten Alms

Lenten Alms: Collection raised £107. Thank you for your support.

Recently Deceased: Anthony Grant, please pray for him and his family at this sad time.

Thank you: On behalf of the family of Brian Gregerson for the kind donation of £280 which will be shared between Brooms Church and Ebchester Convent Care home.

People's Kitchen: Thank you for your continued donations of coppers and small change which is forwarded to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle. Your donations can be deposited in the named tin at the back of church.

### **St Pius X News**

Collection: This week - Cafod Family Fast Day      Next Week: Lenten Alms

Benediction and Evening Prayer: Wednesday evenings 5.45 - 6.45pm

Holy Rosary: Will be held in Church on the last Monday of the month - next on Monday 27th March at 6pm.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6.00pm.

Children's Stations of the Cross: Wednesday 15th March at 5pm

Polish Mass: The Polish Mass will be held in church on Sunday 12th March at 1pm.

### **Our Lady of the Rosary News**

Collection: This Week: Cafod Family Fast Day      Next week - Lenten Alms

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S.V.P. Coin Boxes: Are available at back of church during lent for baby feeding centres in Sudan. Please return boxes after Easter. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday Morning Mass: This Tuesday 7th March at 10.00am. There will be a coffee morning in the hall after Mass. All are welcome!

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

St Mary's: James Clifford, Teresa Maureen Campbell, Norah Luck, Frances Anne Kelly, Joseph Clifford, Margaret Regan, Adeline (Addie) Dick, Thomas Hewitson, Peter Walls, Teresa Lillian Nattrass, Helen Marie Tucker, David Christopher Chivers, Jackie Graham, Robert Rodgers, James Mullion, John Toner, James Welsh, Theresa Bell, Peter Ward, Mary McArdle, Mary Clarke, Anthony Martin.

St. Patrick's: Rose Ann Carlin, Catherine Campbell, Mollie Smith, Theresa Jackson, John Paul Walls, Patricia Osbourne, Kathleen Johnson, Bill Crowther, Peter Davidson, Agnes Allardice, Patrick Gallacher, Michael McNally, Anthony Robson, John Robert McArdle, Tony Gallagher, Susan Boyle, Michael Jones, Charles Edwin Clark, Kathleen Veronica McNally, Joan Readman, Patricia Beattie, Lee John Wiles, Thomas Conroy, Alice McCourt, Catherine Clarke, Terry Reed, Alfie Lister, John McKean.

St Pius: Kathleen Agnew, Tony Donaghy, John Dorritt, Josephine Kerr, Gary Sharp.

Our Lady & St Joseph's: Bob Hewitson, Margaret Shannon, Jim O'Neill, Julie Tonks (Cullen), Marian Richardson, Michael Lucy, Margaret Storey, Sarah E. Fountain, Norma Clark, Maria Herdman, Les Slavin, Joseph Liddell Jnr. Andrew Farley, Owen Lee, Terence O'Loughrin John Wall, Margaret Turnbull

Our Lady of the Rosary: Canon Laurence Hollis, Billy Begg, Gerry Clarke, Peter Nicholson, Mamie Golightly, Letitia McKie, Susan McKie

## **THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PARISHES**

### *We keep in our prayers*

St Mary's: Paul Wass, Ryan McBeath, Kieran Richard Atkinson, Amelia Burns, Ethan White, James Thomas English, David Sizmy, Eileen Fannon, Mary Barnes, Arron Armstrong, Freya Simpson, Maddy Kennedy, Mark Adams, Jack Nugent, Donna Philips, Tom Slane, Julianne Kennedy, Eileen Haughey, David Oliver, Jimmy McGuigan, Catherine Hester, Sarah June Quinn, Thomas Eccles, John Ross, Simon Quinn, Philip Robinson, Audrey Johnson, Ged Hester, Terry Curran, Peter Doherty, Jakob English, Catelyn Howe.

Our Lady of the Rosary: James Baker.

St. Patrick's: Eileen Fish, Margaret Heslop, Anna Bradley, Martin Rogan, Cheryl Reilly, Judith Hindmarsh, Nora Robson, Geraldine Donnelly, Andrew Bates, Patrick Lynch, Jean Walls, Seamus Doran, Gerard Harpin.

St Pius: Ivy Agnew, Joseph Agnew, Gerry Akers, Marie Atherton, Martin Daly, Rita Daly, Keith Elliott, Derek Hicks, Paul Hunt, Joan McGee, Danny Morton, Robert Nixon Jr., Charlie O'Donnell, Jade Telford.

Our Lady and St Joseph's: Sue Robertson, Elizabeth Foreman.

**Pope Francis – For The Ukraine**

O God, In this time of violence. We call on you to draw near.  
Draw near to the people of Ukraine.  
Draw near to the terrified children.  
Draw near to the terrified parents.  
Draw near to those who have nowhere to go.  
Draw near to the elderly, the infirm,  
the disabled, the displaced, the orphans.  
Draw near to the caregivers and aid workers  
Draw near to the helpers.  
*Draw near. Draw near. Draw near.*  
In this time of violence-Draw near.  
Jesus taught us that the diabolical evil of violence  
is answered with the weapons of God, with prayer and fasting.  
May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you, never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.'

**Partnership Prayer**

Risen Christ, from your abundant grace,  
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.  
As we build on the deep foundations of faith  
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,  
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede  
may our Partnerships continue the mission  
of building your Kingdom on the earth: to give living witness to your love,  
and to your compassion and hope for our world.  
We pray in trustful confidence that your power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Who live and reign forever and ever.  
Amen